AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a transfer for application to a substrate, the method comprising the steps of

(a) applying an image to a carrier sheet; and

(b) applying a cover coat over at least that area of the sheet to which the image has been applied to form a transfer suitable for application to a surface of an article,

~~characterised in that~~wherein the image and/or the cover coat is applied using an ink jet printer.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the ink jet printer is a drop on demand printer.

3. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the image is applied using a first ink jet printer having a nozzle orifice of between 125 and 500 μm and being operated at a frequency of greater than 1 kHz.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the first drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a frequency of between 2 and 4 kHz.

5. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 3 to 4~~ claim 3, wherein the first drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a pressure of approximately 3 Bar.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the cover coat is applied using a second ink jet printer having a nozzle orifice of between 125 and 500 μm and being operated at a frequency of greater than 200 Hz.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 8 ~~any of claims 8 or 9~~, wherein the second drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a pressure of approximately 3 Bar.

11. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 8 ~~any of claims 8 to 10~~, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 300 cp.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 200 cp.

13. (Currently amended) A method of cover coating a transfer for application to a substrate, the method comprising the steps of:

coating a carrier sheet comprising one or more pre-printed images by applying a cover coat over at least that area of the sheet to which an image has been applied, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cover coat is applied using an ink jet printer;

applying the transfer to a ceramic article; and

heating the article to fire the image to the article.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13, wherein the ink jet printer is a drop on demand printer.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 14, wherein the drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a frequency of between 600 and 2000 Hz.

16. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 14 ~~any of claims 14 or 15~~, wherein the drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a pressure of approximately 3 Bar.

17. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 14 ~~any of claims 14 to 16~~, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 300 cp.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 17, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 200 cp.

19. (Currently amended) An ink jet printer configured to perform the method of ~~claim~~claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~.

20. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the carrier sheet comprises a siliconised paper or card.

21. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

applying the transfer to a ceramic article; and

heating the article to fire the image to the article.

22. (New) A method of manufacturing a transfer for application to a substrate, the method comprising the steps of

applying an image to a carrier sheet using an ink jet printer, wherein the carrier sheet comprises a siliconised paper or card;

applying a cover coat over at least that area of the sheet to which the image has been applied to form a transfer,

applying the transfer to a ceramic article; and

heating the article to fire the image to the article.